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The War's Greatest Mystery Poem

I WAS reminded of this story by a poem. Who wrote it? I'd give a good deal to know. The verses came to me unsigned, simply enclosed in an envelope.

Somewhere in our midst there is hiding a man who may be a great poet. The great emotions of war tear all kinds of men, and ugliness out of the unsuspected depths of men's hearts.

Before I tell you the tale of Jack, I want to show you the verses that I have of him. They are a kind of prayer. I could have written them, but they are good.

They are printed in a panel on this page. ♦

Underneath, the author has written: "A Soldier. His Prayer. To God, to all, to the world. I somehow saw clearly defined before my eyes, the tough and hardy, the strong and dim, coloured hair and blue-grey eyes, who called himself Jack."

I'm sure Jack didn't write that prayer, but that didn't matter a damn.

We knew that the Jerrys had a thousand times better equipment at that time, and that they had more than we ever hoped to have. But that didn't upset us at all.

We felt that we were standing solid and could rely on our pals to stand by us, and our famous regiment in France at the time of the collapse, and was among the last to go.

There are some retreats which are in themselves great victories. Don't you remember when we listen to folks belittle what we did at Dunkirk? History will record it.

Jack was there, and his adventures were more numerous and more shocking than those of most men.

I am telling you some of them today, and Jack told me.

I don't suppose you know what it is like to feel that you are a soldier, and that you are lucky to beat. I don't suppose you know what it is like to feel that you are a soldier, and that you are on God's earth of ever getting away alive.

It is like that. You must have read all about the collapse of France in the papers. It shock us all. We weren't expecting anything like that.

We knew we were outnumbered, but that didn't matter a damn.

The Retreat

We had to give way in the end, because the German attack was too heavy for us, we being only a small unit.

Jack and Jerry had been fighting side by side, and Jerry had given up all hope and were just sitting down and others were still drinking.

But we filled our water bottles and made our way on. There were still ten men in my section when we started the retreat, and we were still with planes and tanks were going forward to follow the retreat and right of us.

Then came the eighth of my section. I was the section-leader. They were now moving behind us by machine-guns.

And then came a call for "Ginger" left alive. We were miles behind all the rest by this time.

After a bit it began to get dark. We were dead-beat. We knew we had started out.

We had started out, God and me, from a sort of jarred sleep, and I remembered it became a soldier, and there was a sort of war-like atmosphere about me, just like a rifle at the slope.



The Poem

Stay with me Ood. The night is dark.

The night is cold, my little apart-

ment. The night is long.

Stay with me Ood, my little strength.

I love a name, 3 love a fight.

3 hate the dark, 3 love the light.

3 love my wife, 3 love my wife.

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Prayer For C.D. Day Service

UNTO Thee, O God, we praise and thanksgiving for every splendour of our sailors, soldiers and airmen, and for their act of devotion of workers at home.

Especially we thank Thee for the courage and endurance of those engaged in civil defence, and we pray Thee to bless all who work for the welfare of our people that we may be constant to the end and take up our work with justice and peace for all nations through Jesus Christ at home.

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FLEEING FROM RAF

"GERMAN MORALE IS CRUMBLING"

MORALE is weakening in Nazi Germany.

That is the story which is being brought out by refugees who are seeking safety in Britain.

They say that there is a marked tendency to turn away from

U.S. DRIVE IN GUADALCANAL

AMERICAN troops on Guadalcanal are driving back the Japanese forces which were landed recently east of the Henderson airfield in an attempt to take the dry port of the sun.

Brushing aside Japanese resistance, they have crossed the Malimbu river, south of Koli Point, and were this morning dislodged on the north coast about a week ago.

U.S. Navy communiques giving this news yesterday state:—

"Revolt In Crete": 200 Nazis Killed

TURKISH reports of a revolt at Canida, in Crete, were quoted by Moscow Radio last night.

The reports were brought to Turkey by British agents who had been dislodged on the north coast about a week ago.

U.S. Navy communiques giving this news yesterday state:—

"A force of 210 enemy aircraft, consisting of bombers and escorting fighters, attacked our Guadalcanal positions on Wednesday, November 1, in contact with the attacking enemy planes, our airfield and installations."

U.S. aircraft maintained continuous patrol over the enemy positions, bombing and strafing troops.

"During Wednesday night U.S. Marines repulsed an attack by 100 German bombers which were based in the vicinity of Point Cruz."

"On Thursday morning British Army troops crossed the Malimbu river. Only light enemy resistance was encountered."—Reuter.

CATARRH!

Air-borne germs and extremes of temperature in crowded buses, trains, cinemas, workshops, bring on Colds, Catarrh and Tuberous Spleen. These dangers in every breath. Solution is to sell with NOSTROLINE Nasal Spray. Use it daily. Best protection against colds. It must be NOSTROLINE. All chemists 13, tax-free.

"NOSTROLINE"

FEET FIGHTING FIT?

It foot-slogging takes 16 to 20 hours a day. Your father will soon make you fit again with Radox. Cleaners for feet, hands, clothes, hats, and all. From Chemists 13, tax-free.

RADIX

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Defence (General) Regulation 1939, No. 53, Part 5, Control of Rubber Tyres (No. 6) Order, 1942.

MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

CENSUS OF LAID-UP VEHICLES

Control of Rubber Tyres (No. 6) Order, 1942

Every Custodian* of a LAID-UP VEHICLE

is required to complete and send in Form T.C.1 which can be obtained from any POST OFFICE transacting Savings Bank business

*A CUSTODIAN is the person who has a vehicle in his keeping whether he owns the vehicle or not

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE A RETURN
YOU MUST DO SO AT ONCE!

Another Severe Blow At Rommel's Life-Line

RAF START HUGE DOCK FIRES IN GENOA

H EAVY bombers of the RAF on Friday night renewed their attack on Genoa, the main Axis seaport for the despatch of supplies to Rommel. Great damage was done in the docks area.

Showers of incendiaries, followed by 4,000-lb. bombs started a series of fires in the centre of the target.

Photographic evidence over Genoa now shows that the previous raids did not damage the Air Ministry News Service reported yesterday.

Friday's attack indicated that at least as much damage had been done.

"It was a smashing success," an experienced pilot reported.

The night was so dark that crews could not see the lights of the Alps, but after a bumpy crossing the skies were clear over Genoa. "The air was so rough," the pilot said, "because the air was so rough. In the light of moon and stars, I could see Genoa below me as clear as in daylight.

That was at the beginning of the raid, but Genoa was already well alight. Incendiaries were blazing white in the centre of the town.

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